

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application and entry of the amendment are respectfully requested. Claims 1 to 20 are currently pending, claims 19 and 20 have been canceled, and no claims have been amended.

The Office Action mailed April 29, 2004 addressed claims 1 to 20. Claims 19 and 20 were rejected, and claims 1 to 18 were allowed. Applicants note the allowance with appreciation.

Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Boehm (US 6,485,378).

Although Applicants respectfully disagree, in an effort to hasten prosecution, claims 19 and 20 have been canceled by this amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney if it is deemed that a telephone conversation will hasten prosecution of the application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of each of the presently rejected claims, claim 19 and 20. Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1 to 18, the claims currently pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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